

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A disk drive unit having a disk loading mechanism, comprising:

a housing having an opening in a wall thereof for inserting or removing a disk into or from the housing,

a disk drive accommodated in the housing and adapted to engage and rotate a disk in order to allow a head to read data from or write data on a disk,

a loading mechanism for receiving a disk through the opening in the housing and bringing it into engagement with the disk drive, and vive versa, said loading mechanism comprising:

a slide which is slidable with respect to the housing and the disk drive between a first position for receiving a disk and a second position covering the opening and allowing the disk drive to engage the disk,

wherein the slide is slidable substantially alongside the wall of the housing in which the opening is made and is adapted to receive the disk through the opening in the housing.

2. (original) The disk drive unit of claim 1, wherein the slide comprises a tray to receive the disk in it, said tray having a

bottom and a circumferential wall sealing against the adjacent wall of the housing.

3. (original) The disk drive unit of claim 2, wherein the bottom of the tray is provided with a (closable) opening to gain access to the disk.

4. (currently amended) The disk drive unit of claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein the tray of the slide is slidably guided within the housing, along the inner side of said housing wall having the opening.

5. (currently amended) The disk drive unit of ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the slide and the disk drive are operatively coupled to obtain a relative movement during the sliding movement of the slide so as to bring a shaft of the disk drive into and out of engagement with the disk.

6. (original) The disk drive unit of claim 5, wherein the slide and the disk drive are mechanically coupled through an operating mechanism.

7. (original) The disk drive unit of claim 6, wherein the operating mechanism comprises at least a groove on one of said

slide and disk drive, extending mainly in a direction substantially parallel to the sliding direction of the slide, and furthermore an engagement member on the other one of said slide and disk drive and adapted to come into engagement with the groove to effect said relative movement.

8. (currently amended) The disk drive unit of claim ~~6~~^{or 7}, wherein the disk drive is pivotable about an axis on a side of the disk drive closest to the opening and extending substantially perpendicularly to the direction of movement of the slide and substantially parallel to the disk drive.

9. (original) The disk drive unit of claim 8, wherein the slide is manually slidable.

10. (original) The disk drive unit of claim 9, wherein the slide is guided on guides on the outside of the housing, which guides are preferably arranged on walls of the housing adjacent the wall having the opening and extend parallel to the direction of movement of the slide.

11. (currently amended) The disk drive unit of ~~one of the preceding claims~~^{claim 1}, wherein the slide comprises a cover dimensioned so as to cover the opening in the housing wall when the

slide is in the second position, which cover slides along the wall of the housing containing the opening, preferably on the outside thereof.

12. (currently amended) The disk drive unit of ~~claims 4 and 11~~claim 4, wherein the cover and tray are positioned substantially adjacent to each other.

13. (currently amended) The disk drive unit of claim 11 ~~or 12~~, wherein the cover is provided with operating means of the disk drive unit, such as a display, keys, and the like, and wherein there is an electrical connection between the cover and the housing.

14. (currently amended) The disk drive unit of claim 11~~, 12 or 13~~, wherein the cover is adapted to cover operating means of the disk drive unit, such as a display, keys, or the like, when in its second position.

15. (currently amended) The disk drive unit of ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, integrated in a portable, handheld device, such as a mobile telephone.

16. (currently amended) The disk drive unit according to ~~one of~~
~~the preceding claims~~claim 1, intended to be used with a disk
contained in an openable cartridge, the unit comprising means for
positioning and/or opening the cartridge.